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- 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 6-12 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-2 are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

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Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
Japanese Examined Patent No. 3012249	December 10, 1999	A method is disclosed for trapping particulate by a filter, and burning the trapped particulates by NO ₂ .
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 11-300165	November 2, 1999	A filter unit is disclosed, which comprises an absorbent for absorbing NOx therein.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 6-272541	September 27, 1994	A particulate filter is disclosed, which comprises an absorbent for absorbing NOx therein.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 6-159037	June 7, 1994	A particulate filter is disclosed, which comprises an absorbent for absorbing NOx therein.
Japanese Examined Patent (KOKUKU) No. 7-106290	November 15, 1995	Disclosed in the specification.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-94434	April 8, 1997	A filter is disclosed, which comprises an absorbent for absorbing NOx therein.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2000-18026	January 18, 2000	A mechanism is disclosed, for reversing the flow of an exhaust gas in a catalytic converter.